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49 years ago today, June 1st, 1973, - I first set foot on Tern Island at French Frigate Shoals (Lalo in Hawaiian 500 miles to the Northwest of Honolulu) to embark on what would become the "trip of a lifetime with Hawaiian honu". Oh My, How Time Flies! And how things change. In 1973 who would have dreamed- certainly not I- that Hawaii's green turtles would recover as they have. And that a trip to Maui, such as I recently made, could result in seeing within a few hours of time 163 adult-size baskers. Astonishing and Amazing! Hawaii's honu truly are resilient, adaptable, and durable. They are survivors, they endure to overcome heavy odds to prosper. Just like the Hawaiian People.

Thank you, Tommy Cutt, of the MOC Marine Institute for showing me sights at three hidden locations on Maui that I never thought would be possible to see. Aloha, George Balazs

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